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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims

in the application.

1.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A biologically pure fungal isolate having all the

identifying characteristics of Talaromyces sp. B-422 strain having the accession number FERM

BP-08516, deposited under the Budapest Treaty.

(Previously Presented) A composition comprising an active culture of the isolate

of claim 21 and a solid or liquid carrier.

23. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 22 which comprises

an effective amount of said isolate sufficient for controlling diseases caused by Gibberella

fujikuroi and Burkholderia plantarii.

24. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 22 further comprising

an insecticide, a nematicide, a miticide, a herbicide, or a plant growth stimulator or a synergist.

25. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling diseases caused by Gibberella fujikuroi

and Burkholderia plantarii, comprising applying an effective amount of the Talaromyces strain

according to claim 21 as an active fungus.

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- 26. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling diseases caused by Gibberella fujikuroi and Burkholderia plantarii, wherein a gramineous plant, a gramineous plant seed, a soil for raising seedling of a gramineous plant, a rock wool for raising seedling of a gramineous plant, and/or a nursery box for raising seedling of a gramineous plant are treated with the Talaromyces strain according to claim 21.
  - 27. (Withdrawn) A Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.
- (Withdrawn) A Gramineous plant seed treated by a method as claimed in claim
- (Withdrawn) A soil for raising seedling of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.
- (Withdrawn) A rock wool for raising seedling of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.
- (Withdrawn) A nursery box for raising seedling of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.